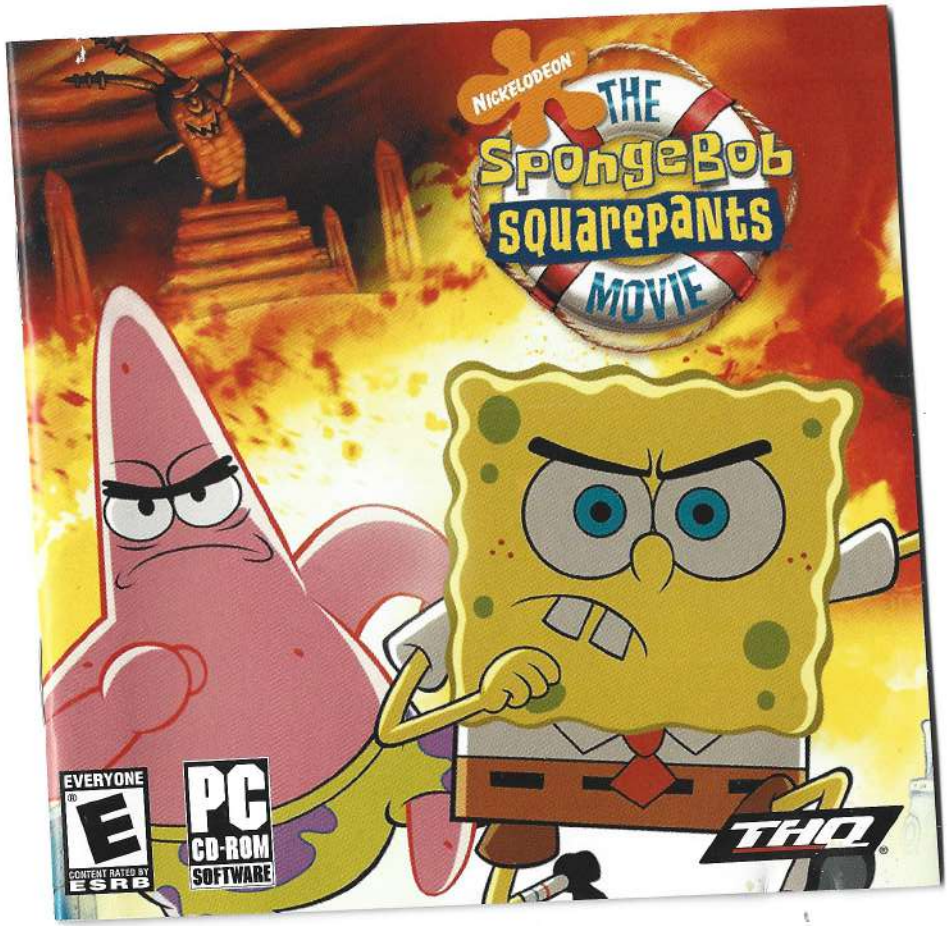
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STORY

In a diabolical effort to dominate the Bikini Bottom restaurant scene, and consequently rule the world, Plankton has launched his most evil scheme yet: Plan Z! He's framed Mr. Krabs for the mysterious disappearance of King Neptune's crown and intends to brainwash the citizens of Bikini Bottom using souvenir bucket hats which will transform them into mindless Chum Bucket minions!

Great galloping barnacles! What's a sponge to do? For SpongeBob SquarePants the answer is obvious. He and his best buddy Patrick must set out on a dangerous journey to Shell City to retrieve Neptune's crown and clear Mr. Krabs' name. Can SpongeBob and Patrick complete their mission in time to keep King Neptune from turning Mr. Krabs into... gulp... krab kakes? Will our buoyant duo rise to the challenge and thwart Plankton's maniacal Plan Z? Will SpongeBob prove that he's sponge, er man enough to be the manager of the Krusty Krab 2? The Fate of Bikini Bottom hangs in the balance!

INSTALLING THE GAME

1. Insert The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie Game disc into your CD-Rom drive. If AutoRun is enabled, an AutoRun menu will appear. Click on the Install button and follow the onscreen instructions to install SpongeBob SquarePants -The Movie.

2. If AutoRun is not enabled, click the Start button on the Windows taskbar, then select Run from the Start menu. In the blank field which appears, type "D: setup.exe" (with D being the correct letter of your CD-Rom drive) to begin installation of The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie Game.

3. At the end of installation you'll have the option to install a SpongeBob SquarePants icon on your desktop. If you choose to install the icon, simply double-click it once installation is complete to begin playing the game.

4. You may also access the game by selecting Programs from the Start menu. Under Programs, go to THQ/Nick Games/SpongeBob SquarePants/The Movie/SpongeBob SquarePants - The Movie to begin playing, or click on the Play button from the AutoRun menu.

Uninstalling the Game

You may uninstall the program by using the Add/Remove Programs Control Panel or from the Start menu - search through the listed Programs for The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie Game menu and select Uninstall.

RUNNING THE GAME

Anytime you want to run The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie Game just double-click on the desktop icon to launch the game automatically or select Start From the Windows taskbar and search through Programs For the THQ menu item. The game CD will need to be inserted in your CD/DVD player in order to play the game.

MAIN MENU

New Game
Select this menu option to begin a new game.

Load Game
This menu choice takes you to the Load Game screen. All of your previously saved games are shown here. Theres a screenshot and name for each one. To delete a game, click on the game and click the delete button. To load, just click on the game you wish to play then click the Load button. Click on the Back button to return to the Main Menu.

Options
Select this choice to adjust music, volume and video settings.

Quit
Choose this option to exit to Windows.

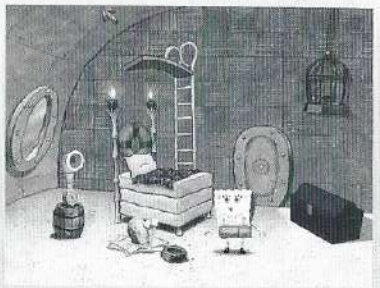
GAME CONTROLS

MOUSE	CONTROL
Movement	Move Cursor
Left Button	Action (Look at/Talk to/Pick up/Walk to - Double click to Run)
Right Button	inventory
Middle Button/Wheel	In Game Menu/Skip Movies/Dialogue Choices
KEY BOARD	
ESC	In Game Menu / Pause Game
F2	Quick Save
F3	Quick Load
F12	Enter Code
ALT+F4	Exit Game
i	inventory
P	Pause Game / In Game Menu
S	Save Game
L	Load Game

SHELL CITY OR BUST

SpongeBob's heroic adventure is divided into eight chapters. As you take part in the epic journey to Shell City you'll encounter familiar faces as well as new characters. Be sure to talk to everyone! Not only is it the polite thing to do, but it'll help you discover helpful information. You'll also want to collect any items you see. It really helps to move the story along. For more about items, see the Inventory section.

Chapter 1: Love Thy Neighbor



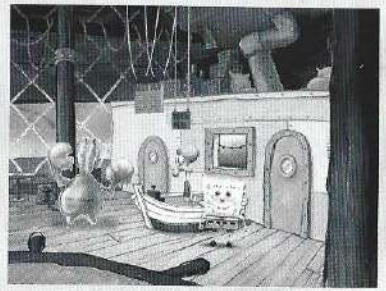
It's a beautiful day and SpongeBob SquarePants has a date with destiny! Mr. Krabs is going to announce the manager of the new Krusty Krab 2 restaurant. And given his history as Employee of the Month every month, SpongeBob knows that he's the sponge for the job. Help him get ready for a day he'll never forget!

Chapter 2: Evil Under the Sea

How can a creature so small be so absolutely evil? Well, Plankton's had a hard life. It's not easy watching the citizens of Bikini Bottom choose the Krusty Krab over his Chum Bucket restaurant day in and day out. Step into Plankton's tortured psyche and guide him through the beginnings of what might just be his most maniacally brilliant plan ever!

Chapter 3: Hit the Road

It's a long way to Shell City so get your motor runnin' and head out on the highway. No motor? Well, that does put a kink in the works. Lead SpongeBob around Bikini Bottom in search of transportation. It's time to get this journey started!



Chapter 4: Free Mindy!

It's a good thing Mindy doesn't take after her father King Neptune! She's kind, compassionate and would never threaten to freeze anyone. Mindy needs to help SpongeBob and Patrick on their dangerous trip to Shell City. But first she'll need to find a way out of Neptune's Castle. Guide Mindy through the castle so that she can help our heroes!

Chapter 5: Entrenched

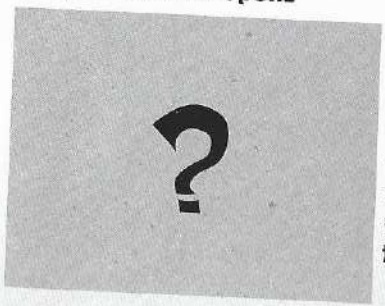
Maybe SpongeBob has to be a man in order to be a manager. Why else wouldn't he have been promoted at the Krusty Krab 2? Well, the treacherous journey to Shell City gives him plenty of opportunities to prove his manliness—no small feat for a sponge. Take this chapter for instance, where you'll guide SpongeBob and Patrick through the daunting Abyssal plains.

Chapter 6: A Pain in the Back

Just because some sea creatures don't have spines doesn't mean you can walk all over them! To further their quest SpongeBob and Patrick must stand up for the rights of invertebrates everywhere. Help SpongeBob in his search for a spine!

Chapter 7: Shell City

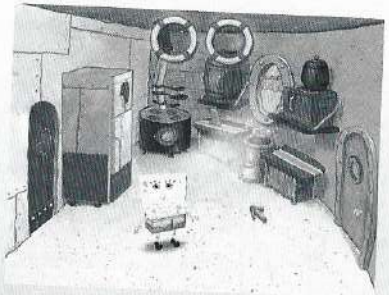
Ah, the fabled Shell City at long last. Your mission is clear! Find King Neptune's crown and return to Bikini Bottom in order to rescue Mr. Krabs and thwart Plankton's nefarious Plan Z! Stay focused as you lead SpongeBob and Patrick one step closer to their ultimate goal!



Is it just me or does Bikini Bottom look a little different? What do you mean it's not called Bikini Bottom anymore? What do you mean the city has been named after Plankton? What do you mean Plankton is our supreme ruler? Uh, if someone's going to save the day this would be a great time to do it!

INVENTORY

Ahoy matey! There's plenty of undersea adventure ahead and what's an undersea adventure without booty? Okay, so it's not really treasure, it's more like stuff. In your travels you'll encounter lots of different items. It's best if you collect them and add them to your inventory because you never know when or where an item will come in handy.



When you collect an item, it'll be shown in the center of the screen for a few seconds and then it'll be added to your inventory. To access your inventory just click the right mouse button.

Using Items

To use one of the items in your inventory, first open the inventory by clicking the right mouse button. Select an item by clicking on the left mouse button. Drag it to the place where you wish to use it and then release the left mouse button.

Combining Items

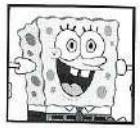
Sometimes you'll need to combine two different items before you can use them. To do this, left click on one of the items, drag it on top of the other item and release the left mouse button. If the two items can be combined, the combined item will appear in your inventory.

SAVING A GAME

You can save your game at any time by pressing the Esc key to access the in-game menu. This menu has the following selections: Resume Game, Options, Save Game, Load Game and Main Menu. Choose the Save Game option to display the Save Game screen. Type in a name for your game and click the Save button. When the save is complete, you'll return to the game in progress.

MEET THE CAST

And now introducing the stars of The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie Game! No autographs, please.



SpongeBob SquarePants
Even though SpongeBob has been passed over for a well-deserved promotion as manager of the new Krusty Krab 2 restaurant, he doesn't hesitate to come to the rescue of his boss, Mr. Krabs. SpongeBob wouldn't dream of holding a grudge thanks to his unsinkable optimism.

Patrick Star
Patrick may not be the brightest bulb in the socket, but he's the best friend a sponge could have. He'll stick with SpongeBob through thick and thin, from the far reaches of the desert to the dangers of the Great Trench.

Plankton
He is the microscopic proprietor of the Chum Bucket and a longtime rival of Mr. Krabs. For years he's been trying to steal the secret Krabby Patty recipe with no success. But now that he's hatched his evil Plan Z and framed Mr. Krabs, will he succeed in dominating the restaurant scene and bringing all of Bikini Bottom under his control?

MEET THE CAST

King Neptune
Without his crown, King Neptune is forced to wear a paper bag on his head (possibly to mask a receding hairline). How utterly humiliating, especially for a king! It's no wonder he freezes Mr. Krabs in a block of ice! The only problem is that Mr. Krabs is innocent and this fearsome king is being deceived by Plankton.

Mindy
Thank goodness Mindy doesn't take after her father King Neptune! She's a gentle soul with a soft spot for SpongeBob and Patrick, which is why she needs to help our buoyant duo on their treacherous mission to Shell City! It's nice to have allies.

Mr. Krabs
Mr. Krabs is the penny-pinching owner of the Krusty Krab and now, the new Krusty Krab 2. With his secret Krabby Patty recipe, he's managed to corner the Bikini Bottom Fast Food market. Things are looking up for Mr. Krabs until he's framed for the disappearance of King Neptune's crown!

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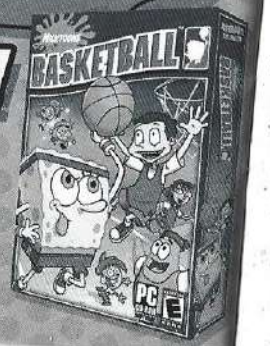

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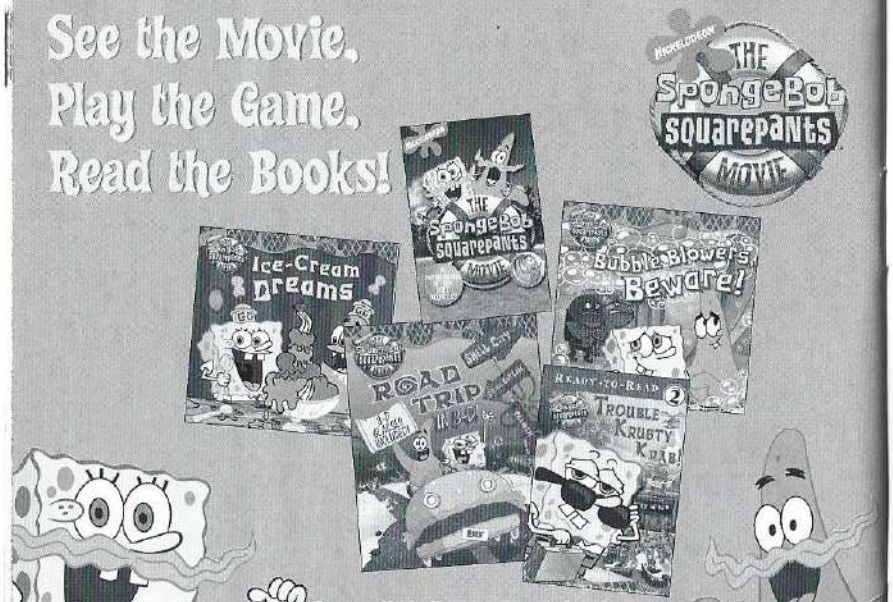

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